

Amendment to the Specification

Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that the paragraph numbering in the application as originally filed does not match that of the application as published in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0074567 A1 ("application publication"). The foregoing amendment refers to paragraph numbers as present in the application publication.

Please amend paragraph 0004 (as indicated by application publication) according to the following:

[0004] Unfortunately, most prior art systems do not protect against man-in-the-middle type attacks. A man-in-the middle attack is a security breach formed when a system or application disposes itself between two parties to a secure communication. For example, a Trojan horse application is interposed between applications in the computer system. The Trojan horse application is for intercepting ~~keysrokes~~ keystrokes and other security data that are provided between applications within the computer system and for recording or e-mailing the intercepted keystrokes and other security data to the hacker.

Please amend paragraph 0039 (as indicated by application publication) according to the following:

[0039] Referring now to FIG. 4, shown is a flow diagram of a method according to the first preferred embodiment of the instant invention. The method is initiated at step 110 when the un-trusted application 1 transmits to the trusted group of applications 4 a request for a password, for instance the request is transmitted in response to an attempt by the user to access an encrypted user data file 2. Often such a request is transmitted by a trap process in execution on the system for detecting password request operations. As is evident ~~tot hose to~~ those of skill in the art, it is difficult to ensure that each version of each application in execution on a system is secure. Further, it is difficult to ensure that a password provided to an application is for the "anticipated" use.